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STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

The Board of Education of the Broken Arrow School District adopts the following policy regarding student behavior and code of conduct.

General Expectations

The Board of Education recognizes that students maintain rights of citizenship while in attendance at Broken Arrow Public Schools. The school is a community with rules and regulations. Those who enjoy the rights and privileges it provides must also accept the responsibilities that inclusion demands, including respect for and obedience to school policies, rules and regulations. This code of conduct is adopted in keeping with the district mission, “to educate, equip and empower a community of learners by providing dynamic learning opportunities which enable all students to be successful.” The expectations herein are specified to insist that a safe learning climate is maintained for the student body and that each student is assisted in developing responsibility and self-control.

Student Code of Conduct

Each Broken Arrow Public Schools student is personally responsible as a citizen of the school community to maintain a safe and positive learning climate by:

1. Being respectful to other students, school staff, and visitors.
2. Doing one’s best in lessons and extra-curricular activities.
3. Using self-control at school and at all school activities.
4. Respecting school property and using materials properly.
5. Respecting the property of others.
6. Using appropriate language.
7. Being a good citizen at school and in the community.
8. Following all school rules.

Access to Student Conduct Policy and School’s Student/Parent Handbook

Access to this policy is available via the school’s student/parent handbook and the internet at the District’s website, www.baschools.org. Students and/or parents who would like a hard copy of the student/parent handbook may request one through the main office of their child’s school (information is also available regarding wireless Internet access points located on each campus). Each school’s administration and/or staff reviews the contents of the school’s student/parent handbook with the students at the beginning of each school year.

Expectations of Parents

Parents are expected to support the code of conduct by reading the school’s student/parent handbook and discussing the expressed expectations with their child, by contacting the school when problems arise, and by working with school officials when disciplinary action is indicated.

Safe School Committee and Annual Review

The Safe School Committee, in collaboration with the staff, shall review the student/ parent handbook, this policy, and site discipline plan annually. This policy and the review process are designed to promote good behavior and the continual development of a student conduct code that promotes good student behavior. A recommendation will be made to the principal regarding



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suggested changes. The school will devote time each year to discussing the Code of Conduct, student/parent handbooks, and disciplinary procedures with students.

Scope of Policy

This policy applies to students while at school, at a school-sponsored activity, in transit to a school-sponsored activity, or on a school vehicle.

For the purposes of this policy, "school" includes all school district property; the entire school campus, parking lots, athletic fields, district vehicles, vacant district property, and district buildings. "School" also includes off-district property when the student is on the property for the purpose of participating in a school or district-sponsored event or is participating in an event in which the student is representing the district. "School" covers all transportation, lodging and meal locations, event sites, and all other locations where a student is present while participating in or attending a district or school sponsored event. "School Activity" includes attendance at or participation in any district or school sponsored activity, function, or event, or any other event in which a school or district sponsored team or district students are participating as representatives of the district, regardless of whether the event is on district property or off district property.

Conduct Outside the School Day or Off School Property

Conduct occurring outside of the normal school day or off school property that has a direct and immediate negative effect on the discipline, educational process, or effectiveness of the school may result in disciplinary action as provided in this policy. For example, discipline will be enforced for inappropriate conduct occurring off school property that is a continuation of plans or threats made on school property.

Prohibited Student Conduct, Activities, and Behaviors

Students are prohibited from engaging in the following conduct, activities, and behaviors. Discipline for violating the prohibitions may include in-school disciplinary consequences, alternative program placements, other disciplinary options and/or out-of-school long-term and/or short-term suspension.

1. Arson.
2. Altering or attempting to alter another individual's food or beverage
3. Assault (whether physical or verbal) and/or battery
4. Attempting to incite or produce imminent violence directed against another person because of his or her race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, disability, gender or sexual orientation by broadcasting / transmitting or causing or allowing to be broadcast / transmitted whether publishing, distributing physically or electronically via pamphlet, telephonic, computerized, or electronic message.
5. Academic misconduct, which is any action or attempted action that may result in creating an unfair academic advantage for oneself or others or an unfair academic advantage or disadvantage for any other member or members of the academic community. This includes, but is not limited to, a wide variety of behaviors such as cheating, plagiarism, altering academic documents or transcripts, gaining access to materials before they are intended to be available, and helping a friend to gain an unfair academic advantage. Students are responsible



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- for seeking out information from faculty or administrators when they are unsure of what is expected of them from an academic behavior standpoint.
6. Conduct that threatens or jeopardizes the safety of others.
 7. Disruption of the educational process or operation of the school as to disruptive behavior in the classroom specifically, engaging in behavior that a reasonable person would view as substantial or repeated interference with the instructor's ability to teach the class or the ability of other students to benefit from instruction.
 8. Extortion.
 9. Failure to attend assigned detention, school or other disciplinary assignment without approval.
 10. Failure to comply with state immunization requirements.
 11. Failure to return to school property belonging to the school or others.
 12. False reports or false calls that adversely affect school operations, regardless of where the report or call is made and to whom the report or call is submitted.
 13. Fighting, including physical acts and threats made in retaliation against the person who initiated a fight.
 14. Forgery, fraud, or embezzlement.
 15. Gambling.
 16. Gang related activity or actions
 17. Harassment, bullying, and intimidation, including gestures, written or verbal expression, electronic communication or physical acts.
 18. Hazing or unapproved initiations in connection with any school activity.
 19. Immorality.
 20. Inappropriate gestures, private or public behavior.
 21. Behavior that a reasonable student should recognize is inappropriate behavior even though such behavior may not be specifically described in this policy.
 22. Indecent exposure.
 23. Intimidation or harassment because of race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, disability, gender or sexual orientation, including but not limited to: (a) assault and battery; (b) damage, destruction, vandalism or defacing any real or personal property; or threatening, by word or act, the acts identified in (a) or (b).
 24. Disorderly conduct, including behaving in a disorderly, lewd, indecent manner or breaching the peace on school property or in school-sponsored activities. Examples include, but are not limited to, obscene language, profanity, inappropriate behavior or gestures, indecent exposure, nonconsensual photography, video, or audio recording of another person on school premises or at school-sponsored events when recordings are causes or is likely to cause injury or distress,
 25. Non-accidental physical harm inflicted upon another.
 26. Possession, control over, or use of a caustic substance.
 27. Possession or control over or use of lighters or matches or other instruments that can burn objects.
 28. Possession or use of a wireless telecommunication device without proper authorization.



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Board of Education Policy "Use of Wireless Telecommunication Devices by Student(s)" offers additional guidance for students and parents concerning wireless telecommunication devices and is made available for students and parents in the school's student/parent handbook and via the internet at www.baschools.org.

29. Possession or control over, distribution, or viewing of obscene, vulgar, lewd, or profane materials, including electronic possession, distribution, or viewing (e.g. "sexting").
30. Possession, control over, threat of use, or use of a dangerous weapon, explosive devices or related instrumentalities (i.e., bullets, shells, gun powder, pellets, etc.). This policy does not apply to students who are members of the JROTC and who possess or bring an inoperable weapon to school for participation in a school program, provided the student obtained prior permission from the principal, the weapon remains inoperable while at school and the weapon is used consistent with the permission granted.
31. Purported or represented possession, control of, or ready access to a dangerous weapon, explosive device or related instrumentality although in fact the student does not possess, control, or have ready access to such an object.
32. Use of an object not normally considered to be a weapon in a manner to inflict harm upon another or the threat to use the object in a manner that would inflict harm upon another.

Board of Education Policy 4230 "Possession of Weapons, Alcohol, and/or Controlled Substances/Illegal Drugs in School" offers additional guidance related to the above item numbers 30, 31, and 32 for students and parents and is made available to parents and students in each school's student/parent handbook and via the internet at www.baschools.org.

33. Possession, control over, use, sale, distribution, conspiring to sell or possess, or being in the chain of sale or distribution of tobacco or tobacco related products in any form, including but not limited to cigarettes, cigars, loose tobacco, rolling papers, chewing tobacco, snuff, matches, lighters, products that mimic tobacco such as herbal snuff, e-cigarettes, personal vaporizers, electronic nicotine delivery systems or similar devices, and any cartridge, container or product designed to be used in conjunction with these delivery systems, regardless of the nicotine content of the product, including any vapor product. For the purposes of this policy, the term "vapor product" shall have the same meaning as provided in the Prevention of Youth Access to Tobacco Act.
34. Sexual harassment of individuals including, but not limited to, students, school employees, volunteers.

Board of Education Policy "Sexual Harassment" offers additional guidance related to sexual harassment for students and parents and is made available to students and parents in the school's student/parent handbook and via the internet at www.baschools.org.

35. Threatening behavior including but not limited to gestures, written or verbal expression, electronic communication or physical acts.
36. Truancy.
37. Theft, possession, distribution, or use of missing / stolen property from a student, a school employee, or the District.
38. Inappropriate attire, including violation of dress code



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Board of Education Policy "Student Dress Code" offers additional guidance related to the student dress code for students and parents and is made available to students and parents in the school's student/parent handbook and via the internet at www.baschools.org.

39. Using, being under the influence of, possessing, having control of, furnishing, distributing, selling, conspiring to sell, distribute or possess or being in the chain of sale or distribution of alcoholic beverages, low-point beer (as defined by Oklahoma law, i.e. 3.2 beer), illegal or illicit drugs, and/or drug paraphernalia. The term illicit drugs include steroids and prescription and over-the-counter medications being used for an abusive purpose, i.e., when they are not used in compliance with the prescription or directions for use and are not being used to treat a current health condition of the student. Possession of a controlled dangerous substance(s) while selling, conspiring to sell, distributing, being in the chain of sale or distribution, or with the intent of furnishing illegal or illicit drugs or other mood-altering substances as defined in the Uniform Control Dangerous Substances Act. Use, possession, claimed possession, distribution or selling marijuana or marijuana related products in any form. "Marijuana" is defined as provided in the District's Policy 5375 on Medical Marijuana, Hemp, & Cannabidiol (CBD).
40. Using, being under the influence of, possessing, having control of, furnishing, distributing, or selling any substance purported or represented to be a controlled dangerous substance, an illegal drug, or an illicit drug, although in fact the substance is not a controlled dangerous substance, an illegal drug, or an illicit drug.
41. Using, being under the influence of, possessing, having control of, furnishing, distributing, selling, conspiring to sell, distribute or possess or being in the chain of sale or distribution of "mood altering substances," which include paint, glue, and aerosol sprays used or intended to be used for abusive purposes, caffeine pills, over the counter stimulants, and other similar substances.

Board of Education Policy 4230 "Possession of Weapons, Alcohol, and/or Controlled Substances/Illegal Drugs in School" offers additional guidance related to the above item numbers 39, 40, and 41 for students and parents and is made available to parents and students in each school's student/parent handbook and via the internet at www.baschools.org.

42. Using racial, ethnic, sexual, gender or disability-related epithets.
43. Violation of the Board of Education policies, rules or regulations or violation of school rules and regulations, including those provided in the school's student/parent handbook.
44. Vandalism and/or willful damage to school property.
45. Willful disobedience of a directive of any school official.
46. Use of the school's technology resources (i.e., computers, electronic mail, internet, and similar resources) at any time or personal computers while on school grounds in a manner prohibited by policies, in any manner not authorized by school officials, or in violation of law.
47. Possession of synthetic urine, a warmer or any other item with the intent to use that item to tamper with a drug or alcohol test.
48. School bus or transportation misconduct, engaging in unsafe or distracting actions such as: placing any part of one's body out of a window (bus moving or stationary); in seated blocking the aisle; pushing while loading/unloading or while bus is approaching; transporting



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unauthorized items; excessive noise; improper street crossing during loading and unloading; and any actions listed in the student code of conduct.

Bullying, Harassment, Intimidation and Threatening Behavior Defined

Bullying, harassment, intimidation and threatening behavior includes, but is not limited to any gesture, written or verbal expression, electronic communication or physical act that a reasonable person should know will harm another student, damage another student's property, place another student in reasonable fear of harm to the student's person or damage to the student's property, or insult or demean any student or group of students in such a way as to disrupt or interfere with the school's educational mission or the education of any student.

Violent Offense Directed Toward a Classroom Teacher

Students suspended for a violent offense directed toward a classroom teacher shall not return to the teacher's classroom without the teacher's prior approval. Whether or not an offense is considered a violent offense under this stipulation shall be based on applicable provisions of the Oklahoma school law regarding student suspension and applicable Oklahoma criminal law distinguishing between violent and nonviolent offenses.

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